

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on FRIDAY, the 1st March, 1916, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1915, with the Report of the Directors and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd February to 1st March, 1916, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. B. TAGGART,
Secretary.
Hongkong, Feb. 13, 1916. 140

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Victoria Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 4th day of March, 1916, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon when the subjoined Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 20th day of February, 1916, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution—

"That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following—

(a) That the word "two" be substituted for the word "three" in the definition of "The Board" in Article 2.

(b) That the word "two" be substituted for the word "three" in Article 72.

(c) That the word "one" be substituted for the word "two" in lines one and two of Article 78 and that the word "other" shall be substituted for the word "others" and the word "has" for the word "their" in line two of Article 78 and the word "member" be substituted for the word "members" in line three of Article 78.

(d) That the word "Director" be substituted for the word "Directors" in Article 77.

(e) That the word "Director" be substituted for the word "Directors" in line four of Article 79.

(f) That the word "signature" be substituted for the word "signatures" in lines 1, 2 and 4 of Article 89 and that the word "one" be substituted for the word "two" in line 5 of the word "Director" for the word "Directors" in line one of Article 89.

(g) That the words "hand of one of the Directors" be substituted for the words "hands of two of the Directors" in line 8 of Article 10.

Dated the 20th day of February, 1916.

By Order of the Board,
A. SEELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENT CO., LTD.,
General Agents for the Company.
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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Year ending 31st December, 1915, at the rate of Two Pounds Three Shillings Sterling, together with a Bonus of One Pound Sterling per Share, is payable on and after MONDAY, the 25th day of February, Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STARR,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1916. 139

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. P. G. LEUNG alias LEUNG LIM CHO alias LEUNG NGOK is no longer in our employment since the 11th instant. Henceforth, all moneys in payment of debts due to us by any of our respective customers, should be handed to the Undersigned and NOT to the said P. G. LEUNG alias LEUNG LIM CHO alias LEUNG NGOK who has no authority to receive same. The receipts for payments should bear our proper Cash Receipts, otherwise they shall not be treated as valid. This is specially notified so as to prevent any dispute in future.

Dated the 11th day of February, 1916.

WING SUN & CO.,
54 Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1916. 133

"PINKIE AND THE FAIRIES."

ST. GEORGES DAY PRODUCTION.

REHEARSALS FOR THE BALLET will be resumed on FRIDAY, 1st March and those who have already signified their desire to assist are requested to attend regularly on Friday and Tuesday at 5.15 p.m. at the Theatre Royal.

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Hongkong, Feb. 27, 1916. 181

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Remainder of the 1916 RACE MEETING is ABANDONED.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, Feb. 27, 1916. 179

RACE COURSE DISASTER.

WE have taken PICTURES OF THE DISASTER in the Race Course. Various scenes of the fire and of the falling of Matcheds were very well taken and are now ready for sale.

MEE CHEUNG.
Hongkong, Feb. 27, 1916. 183

HONGKONG HOTEL.

RACE WEEK.

THE DANCES ADVERTISED for the Week are CANCELLED in view of the sad catastrophe at Happy Valley.

J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.
Hongkong, Feb. 27, 1916. 182

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When the officer entered the gloomy portals he encountered one who bade him sit up a form, and his heart sank. But when he had done so, diling in the name of the Top Dog, to his great surprise the janitor bade him pass straight up. He ascended a noble flight of stairs, at the head of which a polite messenger received him, and saying "Come this way," led him along a corridor that seemed to extend to infinity; but again, to his surprise, after a few steps the messenger opened a big door and presented him to a pleasant young official who, without delay, led him into an inner room where there sat at a big desk a large, placid-faced man surrounded by piles of filed documents in extraordinarily neat array. Once more he was surprised when the large man proved to be the Very Top Dog whom he

desired to see; but a still greater surprise awaited him. For the large man went straight to business, and in two minutes it was all settled.

The officer noted that one of the features of the large man's placid and benign countenance was a broad, level brow, beneath which was a pair of keen eyes wide apart, and that the lower part of his face was of a strength and firmness which even his easy, good-humoured, full-lipped smile did not entirely camouflage. When he had ascertained the officer's requirements he consulted his files of documents and, turning over the pages with extraordinary celerity, ran his finger along lines and columns of figures referring to each of the commodities concerned. He had daily returns showing the quantities in store, the quantities already under requisition, the quantities in course of production. In two minutes he restored his documents to their former neat array and told the astonished officer that he could have all that he had asked for at the dates he had mentioned.

"Go—whizz! but this is going some!" cried the officer as with the whole business settled he descended the stairs. When he returned to headquarters his friends were overcome with amazement and joy. "What good fairy has wrought this wonder?" they asked, and the officer, taking off his cap, said, "It was the large fairy that delivers the goods."

But the most surprising thing of all in this fairy story is that it came true and was true, and is really happening in London every day. The real name of the large fairy is Andrew Weir, and the magic wand he waves is called Business System. He has only been at the War Office since last March and he has done marvels. His official title is "Surveyor-General of Supply." It is a new office which combines and co-ordinates a

number of functions that were formerly separate.

Few people outside the high circles of business and finance know anything about him, but in shipping he has long been known as one of the master minds of business. He was a Kirkcaldy boy who just went to Glasgow and became a great shipowner, and then went on to London and became a super shipowner. He knows all there is to be known about things such as products and raw materials, processes and markets, because he wanted to know and had the capacity of learning. He is a master of system.

Mr. Bonar Law, an old acquaintance, knew that Mr. Weir went to the War Office last spring with a competent staff of voluntary helpers, to have a look round. He spent six weeks in finding out how things were done or not done, and why, and at the end of the six weeks he sat down and drew up a scheme of reorganisation which was accepted and committed to his direction.

It has worked a fairy change. Nobody at the War Office works any harder than before—they all worked to the utmost before he arrived—but they work under a better system, and therefore work better. He knows exactly what they are all doing, and they know he knows. There is a wonderful system of records and accounts which enables the Surveyor-General to survey everything. Figures to him mean as much as music to a musician. He has a feeling for statistics which is the poetic expression of Business System.

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TELEGRAMS.

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THE WOLF'S RAID.

FURTHER DETAILS.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26.

The crew of the *Igotmendri* said that the steamer was captured whilst en route to Australia, with 7,000 tons of coal. The next victim was the British steamer *Malmgren*, with a valuable cargo. The crew of the *Malmgren* were taken aboard the *Wolf* and well treated, and the three vessels proceeded to a deserted Dutch island, where a part of the *Malmgren's* cargo was stored and the most valuable part taken on board the *Wolf*, after which the *Malmgren* was sunk. Shortly afterwards, the American barque *Deluga* was sunk, then the 5,000-ton Japanese steamer *Fabio Maru* (*Hibachi Maru*) full of *Asiatika*, who were taken on board the *Wolf* and the *Igotmendri*.

From the coast of Australia the *Wolf* and the *Igotmendri* returned via the Cape, parting company to the south of Iceland, the *Igotmendri* going northwards and the *Wolf* southwards.

CAPTURED SPANISH STEAMER STRANDED.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26.

The Spanish steamer *Igotmendri*, captured by the German *Wolf*, stranded east of Skaw Lighthouse, with a German prize crew aboard, also passengers and crews of half-a-dozen sunk ships. A number of passengers were rescued including nine women and two children, a lawyer and his wife from Singapore, and a Sexagenarian professor of Sydney University, also two Australian medical officers who have been interned.

LATER.

The *Igotmendri* is a steamer of 5,000 tons, she was captured by the *Wolf* in the Indian Ocean nine months ago. A German prize crew was put aboard. Since then she has followed the *Wolf*.

LATER.

The Spanish crew and the prize crew have been brought ashore. The former are proceeding home and the latter are being interned.

THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The proceedings of the Labour Party Conference are notable for the defeat of the extreme Socialists. The latter withdrew the amendment enjoining the new Constitution and other amendments, designed to strengthen the voting power of the Independent Labour Party in the new Party, were defeated by big majorities.

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The Press Bureau announces that a meeting of the Irish Convention, the Chairman, Sir H. Plunkett, reported the results of the delegation to the Cabinet.

After a discussion the Convention adjourned until Wednesday, to consider Sir H. Plunkett's report.

POPULARITY OF PRESIDENT WILSON IN ENGLAND.

Mr. John Lane, the publisher, writes to *The Times* follows:—"If the popularity of public men may be gauged by the number of portraits of him displayed in the shops and public buildings and indeed in private houses, President Wilson is easily the first at the present moment in England. In the last two months I have visited the following cities and towns:—Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Leicester, Nottingham, Chippendale, Greenway, Malmesbury, Brighton, Worthing, Barnstaple, Bideford, Taunton, Plymouth and Torquay, and I have been much struck with the number and prominence of President Wilson's portraits. This should be very gratifying to our country."

The *Postmaster General* communicates the following:—"The London Post Office advises that all parcels (except those for prisoners of war), and all sample packets, for Denmark, Holland, Norway, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland, will be stopped by the Military Censors unless posted under a War Office permit."

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR ON PEACE.

RETENTION OF BELGIUM NOT CONTEMPLATED.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 27.

Count Hertling in the Reichstag, referring to the speech of Mr. Runciman, said if the latter meant that peace would be brought nearer if belligerent representatives met in conference to discuss individual questions he agreed, especially as regards Belgium.

"As I have repeatedly said, we do not contemplate retaining Belgium, but we must be safeguarded from the danger of a country, with which we desire to live in peace and friendship after the war, becoming a jumping-off ground of enemy machinations. If, therefore, the proposal came from the opposing side at the instance of the Government at Havre, we should not be antagonistic, even though the preliminary discussion might not be binding."

PRESIDENT WILSON'S PRINCIPLES.

Count Hertling admitted that President Wilson's message was a small step towards a rapprochement. He agreed with the four principles enunciated by President Wilson as the basis of a general peace discussion with the reservation that these principles must be universally recognised. This goal had not as yet been reached. When President Wilson said the German Chancellor was speaking to the tribunal of the world he must decline this tribunal as prejudiced and gladly as he would welcome and co-operate with an impartial court of arbitration, unfortunately there was no trace of similar sentiments on the part of the leading Entente Powers. Great Britain's war aims were still imperialistic. They wished to impose upon the world a peace according to Great Britain's good pleasure. Great Britain spoke of the peoples' right of self-determination, but did not think of applying the principle to Ireland, Egypt and India.

"Peace in the East is now near and the world, especially neutrals, are asking if the gate is thus opened for a general peace, but Great Britain, France and Italy still seem to be completely unwilling to listen to the voice of reason and humanity."

WORLD LONGING FOR PEACE.

"The Entente, from the beginning, pursued aims of conquest. It is fighting for the delivery of Alsace-Lorraine to France. I have nothing to add to what I have formerly said, namely, it is no Alsace-Lorraine question in the international sense. The world is longing for peace, but the enemy Governments are again inflaming the war passion. Other voices, however, have been heard in England and it is to be hoped that they will multiply."

THE FINAL DECISION.

"The world stands before the final decision. Either the enemies must decide to conclude peace—they know on what conditions we are ready to begin discussion—or they must continue their insanity by their criminal war of conquest. Our people will hold out further, but the blood of the fallen, the agonies of the mutilated and the distress and sufferings of the peoples will fall upon the heads of those who insistently refuse to listen to the voice of reason and humanity." (Cheers.)

GERMANY WAGING A DEFENSIVE WAR.

Count Hertling again stated that Germany was waging a defensive war and contended that operations in the East were reconcilable with that. The sole aim was to secure the fruits of peace with Ukraine. Germany did not intend to establish herself, for example, in Estonia and Livonia. The chief point was to create organs for self-determination and self-administration in Courland and Lithuania. Military action, however, had produced success far exceeding the original aim.

THE POLISH PROBLEM.

The guiding principle with regard to Rumania will be the imperative desire to convert into friend States with which, on the basis of success of German arms, Germany now concludes peace. The constitutional problem in Poland, in a narrower sense, was still in a stage of exhaustive discussion between Germany, Austria-Hungary and Poland, and he hoped that the great unrest in Poland, due to the Ukraine peace treaty, would disappear by compromise and a spirit of goodwill.

In the settlement of the frontier question, Germany was only demanding what militarily was indispensable.

WHAT MR. RUNCIMAN SAID.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The speech of Mr. Runciman mentioned by Count Hertling was made in the House of Commons on February 13. He said the greatest contribution to peace will be the opportunity for an exchange of views by representatives of belligerent opinion.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA IN ALEXANDRIA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.

With reference to the punishment of Captain Henke of the United States Army, for refusing to sign his kitchen, private papers seized yesterday, Count Hertling had contributed to Germany. Austrian and Turkish funds and was an active propagandist.

THE GERMAN ADVANCE IN RUSSIA.

HOW REVAL WAS TAKEN.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

A German official report states:—"Four days after crossing the Moon Sound, our troops, marching on Reval, captured the fortress after a battle. Flags were hung out in many towns of Livonia, when we entered. Many inhabitants arrested by the Russians, were liberated. A violent battle was a prelude to the capture of Reval. General Linsingen stormed and carried Kolenkowitz and the railway station. Upwards of three hundred kilometres were covered in a few days on foot, by rail and motor car, despite great strain and hardship."

We are co-operating with the Ukrainians and have cleared a great part of the country of looting gangs. We recently on the Eastern Front took three Divisions, Staff officers, 180 officers, and 3,676 men as prisoners.

"THE DAMNED MINIONS OF WILLIAM."

PETROGRAD, Feb. 26.

The Government has issued a proclamation declaring that, despite the acceptance of the German terms the "Imperialist assassins continue their monstrous advance in the interior of Russia. The damned minions of William and the German Kaledina, together with the White Guards, are shooting the members of the Soviete and reconstituting the power of the landlords and capitalists. If you workers, soldiers and peasants wish to retain the power, you must fight the hordes seeking to devour you."

THE DEFENCE OF PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 26.

In consequence of the German entry into Pskov, otherwise known as Pleskau, the Bolsheviks have issued a midnight call to the people to secure implements to dig trenches for the defence of the capital.

The greatest activity prevails.

BRESLITOVSK CONFERENCE TO BE REOPENED.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 25.

A Berlin message says Count Hertling informed the Reichstag that Delegates have gone to Breslitovsk. Although a dispute about the details is possible, peace must ensue very shortly.

A telegram from Vienna states that the Austro-Hungarian Delegates have gone to Breslitovsk.

THE CONTINUANCE OF HOSTILITIES.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

A Russian official report states:—"M. Lenin and M. Trotsky, in complaining of the continuance of hostilities, have inquired whether Germany intends to reply to Russia's expressed consent to sign the proposed conditions of peace and to General Krylenko's inquiry whether armistice does not automatically follow the acceptance of such conditions."

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS LEAVE PETROGRAD.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

A telegram from Petrograd states that the American, Japanese, Chinese, Siamese and Brazilian diplomats have departed to the interior of Russia. They will probably go to Volodga and await developments.

The British and French Embassies will remain till the last moment.

PRESS COMMENT ON THE SEPARATE PEACE.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 26.

The Vienna *Arbeiter Zeitung* says that a separate peace with Russia can only make a general peace more remote because America, Great Britain and France will fight to the bitter end.

The journal declares that Austria needs general peace, hence she does not rejoice at Germany's pyrrhic victory over Russia.

The *Leipziger Volkszeitung* says that the Russian Government's latest rapid move has upset the carefully prepared game of the German Government, which does not want peace.

The Socialist, Herr Cohn, speaking in the Reichstag, Friday, denied that the people of the Baltic Provinces were longing for Germany. He emphatically declared that a general peace was not any nearer.

The *Stuttgarter Tagblatt*, commenting upon the anti-German speeches in the Austrian Parliament, recalls the terrible sufferings of the German soldiers in the defence of Austria, and says that such speeches severely try the sympathy of the German nation for the Austro-German Alliance.

THE RUMANIAN PEACE DISCUSSIONS.

BULGARIAN DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 24.

A Bulgarian Delegation has gone to Bucharest to participate in the Rumanian peace negotiations.

Before departure, the Finance Minister, M. Totech, who is the Chief Delegate, informed the Subprime Minister that the Bulgarians are concentrating upon regaining Dobruja.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH CAUCASUS REPUBLIC IMPENDING.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 26.

A message from Bucharest says the Bulgarian peace representatives have arrived. The representatives of the Turkish and expected immediately from Constantinople.

Speaking in the Chamber the Foreign Minister said peace negotiations were impending with the Caucasus Republic.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

GERMAN PRESS BOASTING.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

German newspapers are publishing articles, boasting of the coming offensive and declaring that the advance on Russia has not weakened the Western forces.

THE COMING OFFENSIVE.

THE PREPARATIONS OF THE ALLIES.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, writing yesterday, says:—"As the season advances and the shadow of the expected German offensive looms larger it is comforting to know that the French are ready on every sector of the long line to meet the blow whenever it falls. Behind the French front as well as behind the British the winter has been a time of silent and methodical preparation. Unnumbered miles of trenches have been dug, roads and communications have been improved, fresh munitions of war have been sprung on every road and field through which the German advance may conceivably lie, and artillery and munitions are ready in quantities the Germans never before encountered, but a super-stronger defence is the unconquerable spirit of the French army. They are ready as they always have been, and are better prepared than ever before."

MONS HEROES SENT TO HOLLAND FOR INTERNMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

A telegram from Rotterdam says that a further batch of released British prisoners, all Mons heroes, have arrived at Scheveningen for internment in Holland. Their train was detained at Cologne for three hours, apparently owing to military transports going westwards.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

ACTIVE ORGANISATION BY AUSTRIANS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

A correspondent at Italian Headquarters says the Austrians have been actively organizing their forces during the past two months, broadening roads and installing aerial cable transports with unusually large cars in view of reinforcing threatened points without the delay of climbing. There has also been much movement in the direction of Lake Garda, suggesting that Garda will bulk more largely than hitherto in any prospective offensive. Their aircraft have been more active in disseminating leaflets inciting Italians to imitate the Russians.

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATION AT IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

A telegram from Sydney announces that Mr. Joseph Cook (who was leader of the Liberal Opposition) accompanies Premier Hughes to the Imperial Conference in England.

CANADIAN UNIONIST PARTY.

SUPPORTED BY SOLDIERS' VOTE.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.

The voting of Canadian soldiers in France, Canada and the United States adds eight members to the Unionist Party in Parliament.

The voting of the Canadians in Great Britain has not as yet been announced.

THE AALAND ISLANDS.

RUSSIAN AND FINNISH TROOPS TO EVACUATE.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 24.

An agreement has been reached regarding the evacuation of the Aaland Islands by the Russian and Finnish troops.

A Swedish force has gone to the Aaland Islands to maintain order.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA AT COSTA RICA.

REVOLUTIONARY OUTBREAKS SUPPRESSED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.

Revolutionary outbreaks are reported in Costa Rica, engineered by pro-Germans. They were promptly suppressed.

CARNEGIE GIVES \$1,000,000 TO MITCHELL UNIVERSITY.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The Carnegie Corporation has presented the Mitchell University with a million dollars in recognition of the Institution's "devoted service and sacrifice towards Canada's part in the war."

The latter accompanying the notification refers to the award as an expression of appreciation and sympathy for the people of Canada on the part of their Allies over the south border.

THE FLOODS AT UNFOLOSI.

EUROPEAN CASUALTIES.

DUBLIN, Feb. 26.

The *Magistrate* at Empangeni reports that thirteen Europeans, and four Africans are known to be dead, and fourteen are missing.

It is estimated that between 40 and 50 natives and Indians were drowned.

NATIONAL WAR BONDS.

THEIR SUCCESS ASSURED.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Mr. Bonar Law, in a speech at the Aldwych Club, said the National War Bonds were assured of success.

Not including the money given direct by the bankers, the War Bonds had already raised more than the total of the new money, secured by the 4½ per cent. loan.

He appealed to great financial institutions to convert Treasury Bills into War Bonds and appealed to everyone to save and lend their savings to the State.

Mr. Bonar Law said we had a rugged path. If there was any danger it was at home, but he did not think there was any real danger that there was ground for discouragement or faint-heartedness.

THE POWERS OF THE ARMY COUNCIL.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

In the House of Commons, Mr. MacPherson, Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, announced that an Order-in-Council will be issued restoring to the Army Council and Secretary of State for War powers and duties transferred to the Chief of the General Staff, by the Order-in-Council made in January, 1916.

MR. GERARD'S NEW BOOK.

GERMAN GENERAL STAFF ALL POWERFUL.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

A further instalment of Mr. Gerard's new book declares that the ultimate power in Germany rests with the General Staff, which more or less controls the actions of the Kaiser, and even claims the right to give a final decision upon questions of foreign policy. Hence, Mr. Gerard concludes it was General Ludendorff who decided upon the rupture with America.

THE INTER-ALLIED SOCIALIST CONFERENCE.

COMPLETE UNITY PROBLEMATIC.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

The *Daily Telegraph* Labour Correspondent states that it is problematical whether all the Delegates to the inter-Allied Socialist Conference endorse the Memorandum in respect of their own national claims. It is understood that the Italians are dissatisfied with the meagre recognition of the Italian claim to the Trentino. The abstention of British-speaking peoples is still a more serious matter. The absence of any Delegation from the British Dominions is to be deplored, as the real opinion of Labour in Australia, Canada, and South Africa is most important as regards the future of the German colonies.

A LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE.

BROADENING THE BASIS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

A conference of the Labour Party met under the chairmanship of Mr. Parry with the object of broadening the basis of the English Labour Party and to arrange the admission of individuals, as distinct from organised Labour parties.

ENEMY COMMERCIAL PENETRATION.

TO BE CAREFULLY WATCHED.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

In the House of Commons Mr. Steel Maitland said commercial attaches would keep a constant watch in order that any system of commercial penetration attempted by our rivals in future should be clearly understood and knowledge thereof should be put at the disposal of the British trading community.

THE WRECK OF THE FLORIZEL.

THE CASUALTIES.

ST. JOHN'S, Feb. 26.

Of 146 aboard the *Florizel* 44 were rescued, including the Captain, Mate, twenty-five of the crew and seventeen passengers.

The manager of the line, his child and nurse perished.

Only two out of fourteen women survived.

LATER.

Lloyd's representative states that people are still on board the *Florizel*, but only the forecastle is above water. A rocket line was got on board after dark but there was no response. The sea is moderating and it is expected to render help soon.

CONSTITUTIONALISTS CAPTURED CHENGTEH.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The Intelligence Bureau of Canton learns that Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the Generalissimo of the Military Government, has been officially advised of the capture of Chengteh in Szechuan by the Constitutionalists. Generalissimo Sun has forwarded his congratulations to the troops. Other districts in Szechuan have also pledged their support to the Military Government.

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